

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(previously presented) An air filtration plant,  
comprising:

a filter cartridge fitted with filter sleeves, said  
sleeves are arranged vertically, and held stretched by  
appropriate stretching means between two supporting structures, a  
closed lower end of said sleeves being attached to a lower one of  
said two supporting structures by a first fastener, and an open  
upper end of said sleeves being attached to openings provided in  
an upper supporting structure of said two supporting structures,  
by a second fastener, said upper supporting structure being in  
the form of a plate fitted with said openings,,

wherein the upper end of the sleeves is fitted with a  
structural element that increases the grip thereof, manually or  
mechanically,

wherein the stretching means fasten the filter sleeves  
and are configured to enable tensioning of said sleeves at the  
upper ends thereof, and

wherein said second fastener comprises a separate add-on  
member that is configured to be located within said sleeves below  
said upper end when the sleeves have been attached to the lower

supporting structure and have been stretched to a stretched position, said add-on member being configured to hold said sleeves in said stretched position by clamping against an internal contour of the openings of the upper supporting structure.

2. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 1, wherein the add-on member is in the form of a ductile ring.

3. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 2, wherein the ductile ring includes an annular groove, provided on the external contour thereof, configured for being embedded on the internal contour of the openings of the upper supporting structure.

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 1, wherein the upper end of the filter sleeves is fitted with said structural element in the form of a rigid collar for easier gripping to provide a reliable tension thereof.

6. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 5, wherein a portion of the upper end of the filter sleeves is delimited by two rigid collars having a frustum shape, a diameter

of the rigid collar at the upper end of the sleeves is greater than a diameter of the openings of the plate.

7. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 1, wherein the lower end of the filter sleeves is provided with a bottom cup fitted with a protruding rod comprising a catching element, said catching element is configured for co-operating with a supporting profile ) of matching shape, provided at the lower supporting structure.

8. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 7, wherein the lower supporting structure is fitted with at least one supporting profile, in the form of folded sheet metal, formed of a central part extending vertically, and an upper end of said central part is extended by a return element, extending over a whole length thereof, said return element is fitted with several open slots each configured to receive there through said rod for catching a sleeve and locating the catching element of said rod.

9. (previously presented) The plant according to claim 8, wherein the lower supporting structure is fitted with said at least one supporting profile, comprising said return element formed of two parts forming a dihedron, one of said parts extending at right angle or substantially at right angle from the upper end of the central part, and the other of said parts being

tilted downwards, said catching element being configured beneath said horizontal part.

10-19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) An air filtration plant, comprising:

a filter cartridge having a plurality of vertically arranged filter sleeves, said filter sleeves being held in a stretched position between two supporting structures, a closed lower end of said filter sleeves being attached to a lower one of said two supporting structures by a first fastener, and an open upper end of said filter sleeves being attached to openings provided in an upper supporting structure of said two supporting structures, by a second fastener, said upper supporting structure being a plate having said openings,

wherein an uppermost end of the sleeves is fitted with a grip increasing element, and

wherein said second fastener comprises a separate add-on member that is configured to be within said sleeves, below said uppermost end, when the sleeves have been attached to the lower supporting structure and have been stretched to said stretched position, said add-on member being configured to hold said sleeves in said stretched position by clamping against an

internal contour of the openings of the upper supporting structure.